(c) $55,742,700/- including cost of engines, spares and other support services.

(d) and (e) F-404 engines are being produced for use in LCA demonstrators/ prototypes. There is no plan to use F-404 engine for the LCA production aircraft. There is a guarantee from General Electric (GE) Co., manufacture of these engines, to give support during the development programme of LCA for which supply contract has been signed. GE has also assured further support, if required, on terms to be negotiated.

Consolidation of electronic firms

*275. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to promote consolidation of medium or small sized consumer electronic firms into large viable units on the Jananese model;

(b) if so, whether Government have consulted the electronics industry about it; and

(c) the reaction of the industry there to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) There is no such proposal at present under consideration of the Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Production of 'Shankh' edible oil

*276. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corpora 'on has been wurafacturing edible Oil called 'Shankh

(b) if so, the details of production thereof monthwise during the last one year;

(c) whether the price of the product had been increased in the past;

(d) if so, the present price of this product alongwith the reasons for increase;

(e) what are the special features of this product;

(f) whether Government propose to take any steps to ensure that its objec tives for launching the product are not further defeated; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Production of 'Shankh' brand Vegetable Oils by Hindustan Vegetable Oil Corpooration since the month of its launching i.e. January, 1991, month-wise is given below:—

Month	Quantity in MTS
January	31.796
February	10,3;
March	12.5
April	43.975
May	27.00
June	31.00
July (upto 25-7-91)	114.00

(c) and (d) On account of increase in the prices of indigenous crude cottonseed oil and mustard oil, prices of Shankh vegetable oils km been revised